



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt Resolution Awarding Contract for Tree Trimming (Power Line Clearing) to Asplundh Tree Expert Company of Stockton, CA (\$326,700) (EUD)

MEETING DATE: August 19, 2009

PREPARED BY: Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt a resolution awarding the contract for Tree Trimming (Power Line Clearing) to Asplundh Tree Expert Company of Stockton, CA in the estimated amount of \$326,700.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This contract provides for tree-trimming services necessary for the reliable operation of the Lodi Electric Utility power lines for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2009/10. The budget for the full year is \$375,000. The present power line trimming contractor is Trees, Inc.

Specifications for this service were approved for issuance by the Council on May 20, 2009. The City received bids for this service on June 11, 2009 – all bids exceeded the FY 2009/10 budget for power line clearance. On July 15, 2009 the Council rejected all bids and authorized re-advertisement.

On August 4, 2009, four bids were received for a 3-person Backyard Crew and a 2-person Street Crew:

Asplundh Tree Expert Company, Stockton, CA	\$189.94 per hour
Trees, Inc., Houston, TX	\$192.12 per hour
West Coast Arborists, Inc., Anaheim, CA	\$245.00 per hour
Davey Tree Surgery Company, Livermore, CA	\$307.40 per hour

Asplundh Tree Expert is the lowest responsive bid. Asplundh is an experienced tree-trimming contractor with a national presence. It currently provides service to other electric utilities in the region.

Based on approximately 43 weeks (1,720 work hours) remaining in the year, the cost through June 2010 of the lowest bid is an estimated \$326,700. This amount will be reduced by holidays and other days not worked.

Service for July and August 2009 was provided by Trees, Inc. under the prior tree-trimming contract. The term of the new contract will be from September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 with three one-year extension options.


FISCAL IMPACT: Trimming trees reduces electric outages for customers and reduces emergency call-outs and repair work.

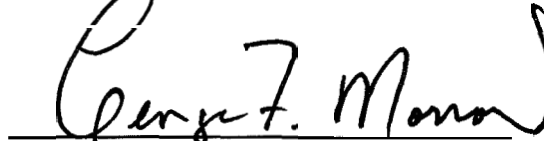
APPROVED:

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Blair King, City Manager

FUNDING AVAILABLE: The projected cost of \$375,000 is included in the budget for Fiscal Year 2009/10 under Account No. 160654 – Tree Trimming. Funding for contract extensions shall be approved on a year-to-year basis.


Jordan Ayers
Deputy City Manager/Internal Services Director


George F. Morrow
Electric Utility Director

PREPARED BY: Ken Weisel, Assistant Electric Utility Director

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A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AWARDING THE CONTRACT
FOR TREE TRIMMING (POWER LINE CLEARING) AND AUTHORIZING THE
CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF
LODI AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE THREE ONE-YEAR
EXTENSIONS OF THE CONTRACT WITH CONTINUED SATISFACTORY
PERFORMANCE IN THE PRIOR YEAR

WHEREAS, tree trimming services are necessary for the reliable operation of the Lodi Electric Utility power lines; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved specifications for tree trimming (power line clearing) services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, and up to three subsequent years; and

WHEREAS, in answer to notice duly published in accordance with law and the order of the City Council, the City received and publicly opened on August 4, 2009, sealed bids for tree trimming (power line clearing), described in the specifications approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, bids were received, as follows:

Bidder	Bid
Asplundh Tree Expert Company, Stockton, CA	\$189.94/hr
Trees, Inc., Houston, TX	\$192.12/hr
West Coast Arborists, Inc., Anaheim, CA	\$245.00/hr
Davey Tree Surgery Company, Livermore, CA	\$307.40/hr

WHEREAS, staff recommends awarding the tree trimming contract to the lowest responsive bidder, Asplundh Tree Expert Company, of Stockton, CA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby award the bid for tree trimming (power line clearing) to Asplundh Tree Expert Company, of Stockton, CA, at quoted rates, up to \$326,700, for the remainder of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute the contract with Asplundh Tree Expert Company, of Stockton, CA, for tree trimming for power line clearance on behalf of the City of Lodi; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized to extend the contract with Asplundh Tree Expert Company, of Stockton, CA, for tree trimming (power line clearing) services for up to three one-year extensions, with continued satisfactory performance in the prior year, in accordance with the terms of the specification approved by the City Council, and subject to limitations established in the operating budget.

Dated: August 19, 2009

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2009-112 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held August 19, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Johnson, Katzakian, Mounce, and Mayor Hansen

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


 RANDI JOHL
 City Clerk